

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2019-290-WS

In Re:)	
)	
Application of Blue Granite Water)	Motion for Approval of Bond
Company for Approval to Adjust Rate)	of Blue Granite Water Company
Schedules and Increase Rates)	
_____)	

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D), S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829, and applicable law, Blue Granite Water Company (“Blue Granite” or the “Company”) moves that the Commission issue an order approving the bond described herein pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D) (“Motion”). In support of such Motion, the Company would show the following:

1. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D) authorizes utilities to put rates into effect under bond, if the utility files with the Commission a petition for rehearing, during the appeal and until final disposition of the case.

2. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D) requires that the bond “be in a reasonable amount approved by the Commission, with sureties approved by the Commission.”

3. As the Commission has previously found:

The Commission is without discretion to prohibit the utility from imposing its proposed rates under an appropriate bond. The statute, as amended by the General Assembly in 1983, allows the utility to impose its proposed rates under bond as a matter of right where the utility demonstrates that the surety and the bond are sufficient to ensure that the ratepayers will be reimbursed with interest for overcharges in the event the utility’s appeal is ultimately unsuccessful.

Order No. 2008-269 at 3-4, Docket No. 2007-286-WS (Apr. 25, 2008); Order No. 2010-543 at 3-4, Docket No. 2009-479-WS (Aug. 12, 2010); Order No. 2016-156 at 4, Docket No. 2014-346-WS (Mar. 1, 2016).

4. On April 9, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 2020-306, which set a Return on Equity that is not supported by the record, erroneously disallowed reasonable office expenses, erroneously “amortized” ongoing purchased water and sewer expenses over a five-year period, among other errors specified in the Company’s request for reconsideration.

5. On April 29, 2020, Blue Granite appealed the Commission’s final order in this case by filing a petition for rehearing.

6. At its business meeting on May 28, 2020, the Commission issued its decision on reconsideration, authorizing the implementation of an annual revenue requirement the amount of \$29,191,874.

7. Beginning September 1, 2020, the Company intends to implement under bond a revenue requirement of \$31,371,085, a difference of \$2,179,211 from that authorized by the Commission. The rate design implemented by the Company will be consistent with that approved in Order No. 2020-280 (i.e., the rate schedule will retain the previous base facility charge for water consumption, applying the revenue requirement increase to the volumetric commodity charge for water consumption). The tariff rate schedules to be implemented are attached hereto as Exhibit No. 1.¹

8. Consistent with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D), Blue Granite moves that the Commission approve a bond in the amount of \$3,874,516, which is the difference in revenue

¹ Pursuant to Order No. 2020-306, the Company intends to provide at least thirty days’ notice of these rates to customers of its water and wastewater services prior to the rates and schedules being put into effect. *See* Order No. 2020-306 at 134.

requirement amounts over an eighteen-month period plus interest. The draft bond form is attached hereto as Exhibit No. 2.

9. Blue Granite is in the process of securing this bond from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, which is reliable and sound surety worthy of the Commission's approval.

WHEREFORE, Blue Granite moves that the Commission enter an order approving the proposed bond pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D).

Respectfully submitted,

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WATER

Service Territory 1

Monthly Charges - Water Supply Customers Only

Where water is supplied by wells owned and operated by the Utility, the following rates apply:

Residential

Base Facilities Charge per single-family house, condominium, mobile home, or apartment unit	\$ 14.38 per unit
Residential Commodity Charge	\$ 8.70 per 1,000 gal. or 134 cft.

Commercial

Base Facilities Charge by meter size	
5/8" meter *	\$ 14.38 per unit
3/4" meter	\$ 14.38 per unit
1" meter	\$ 37.43 per unit
1.5" meter	\$ 74.86 per unit
2" meter	\$ 119.78 per unit
3" meter	\$ 224.59 per unit
4" meter	\$ 374.42 per unit
8" meter	\$1,150.51 per unit
Commercial Commodity Charge	\$ 8.70 per 1,000 gal. or 134 cft.

Monthly Charges - Water Distribution Customers Only

Where water is purchased from a governmental body or agency or other entity for distribution and resale by the Utility, the following rates apply:

Residential

Base Facilities Charge per single-family house, condominium, mobile home, or apartment unit	\$ 14.38 per unit
Residential Commodity Charge	\$ 11.76 per 1,000 gal. or 134 cft.

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Commercial

Base Facilities Charge

by meter size

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1.5" meter	\$ 74.86 per unit
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Commercial Commodity Charge \$ 11.76 per 1,000 gal.
or 134 cft.

***A "Fire Line" customer will be billed a monthly base facilities charge of a 5/8" meter or at the rate of any other meter size used as a detector.**

Hydrant Meter Program

A contractor, developer, or other commercial customer (the "Hydrant Customer") requiring water service for a limited duration, where no other water service is available to the customer, may, where practicable, take water service from the Utility's nearest available hydrant. In such cases, the Hydrant Customer shall obtain from the Utility a 2-inch meter and affix the meter to the hydrant(s) closest to its work site(s). The Hydrant Customer shall be charged the appropriate Base Facilities Charge for a 2-inch meter and for actual water consumption. Every 25 to 35 days, the Hydrant Customer shall make the meter available to the Utility for the reading of its water usage and associated monthly billing. In addition, the Hydrant Customer shall pay Utility a deposit of \$1,100.00, which represents the approximate cost of the meter, prior to receiving the 2-inch meter. The Utility shall refund the Hydrant Customer's deposit upon the prompt return of the meter in good working order. If the meter is lost or determined to be damaged upon return, the Utility may withhold all, or a portion, of the deposit amount as reasonable compensation for the Utility's loss.

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Service Territory 2**Monthly Charges - Water Supply Customers**

Where water is supplied by wells owned and operated by the Utility, the following rates apply:

Residential

Base Facilities Charge per single-family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit:

\$ 28.59 per unit

Residential Commodity Charge

\$ 13.28 per 1,000 gal.
or 134 cft.

Commercial

Base Facilities Charge
by meter size

5/8" meter*	\$ 28.59 per unit
1" meter	\$ 79.59 per unit
1.5" meter	\$ 146.27 per unit
3" meter	\$ 499.14 per unit

Commercial Commodity Charge

\$ 13.28 per 1,000 gal.
or 134 cft.

Monthly Charges - Water Distribution Customers Only

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Residential

Base Facilities Charge per single-family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit:

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Residential Commodity Charge

\$ 15.33 per 1,000 gal.
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Commercial

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**WATER SERVICE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS
AND
NON-RECURRING CHARGES**

1. Terms and Conditions

A. Where the Utility is required by regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Utility to interconnect to the water supply system of a government body or agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will also be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

B. Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to, hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

C. The Utility will, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building, consisting of four or more residential units (or in such other circumstances as the law may allow from time to time), which is served by a master water meter or a single water connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

D. When, because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit separately, service will be provided through a single meter, and consumption of all units will be averaged; a bill will be calculated based on that average and the result multiplied by the number of units served by a single meter.

E. Billing Cycle

Recurring charges will be billed monthly in arrears. Nonrecurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

F. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to connect to its water system. However, anyone or entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to any appropriate connection point, and pay the appropriate fees and charges as set forth in this rate schedule, and comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service unless water supply is unavailable or unless the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control or other government entity has for any reason restricted the Utility from adding additional customers to the serving water system. In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional water supply capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding water supply capacity to the affected water system.

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G. Cross-Connection Inspection

Any customer installing, permitting to be installed, or maintain any cross connection between the Utilities water system and any other non-public water system, sewer, or a line from any container of liquids or other substances, must install an approved back-flow prevention device in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61-58.7.F.2, as may be amended for time to time. Such a customer shall have such cross connection inspected by a licensed certified tester and provide to Utility a copy of written inspection report indicating the back-flow device is functioning properly and testing results submitted by the tester in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61-58.7.F.2, as may be amended from time to time. Said report and results must be provided by the customer to the Utility no later June 30th of each year for required commercial customers and no later than June 30th of every other year for required residential customers. Should a customer subject to these requirements fail to timely provide such report and results, Utility may arrange for inspection and testing by a licensed certified tester and add the charges incurred by the Utility in that regard to the customer's next bill. If after inspection and testing by the Utility's certified tester, the back-flow device fails to function properly, the customer will be notified and given a 30 day period in which to have the back-flow device repaired or replaced with a subsequent follow-up inspection by a licensed certified tester indicating the back-flow device is functioning properly. Failure to submit a report indicating the back-flow device is functioning properly will result in discontinuation of water service to said customer until such time as a passing inspection report is received by Utility.

H. A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities -- 6 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A, as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee. The Company shall have the right to request and receive water usage records from the water provider to its customers. In addition, the Company shall have the right to conduct an inspection of the customer's premises. If it is determined that actual flows or loadings are greater than the design flows or loadings, then the Company shall recalculate the customer's equivalency rating based on actual flows or loadings and thereafter bill for its services in accordance with such recalculated loadings.

I. The liability of the Company, its agents and employees for damages arising out of interruption of service or the failure to furnish service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to those remedies provided in the Public Service Commission's rules and regulations governing water utilities.

2. Non-Recurring Charges

A. Water Service Connection (New connections only) - \$300 per SFE*

The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

B. Plant Impact Fee (New connections only) - \$400 per SFE*

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The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

The Plant Capacity Fee reflects the portion of plant capacity which will be used to provide service to the new customers as authorized by Commission Rule R. 103-702.13. The plant capacity fee represents the Utility's investment previously made (or planned to be made) in constructing water production, treatment and/or distribution facilities that are essential to provide adequate water service to the new customer's property.

C. Water Meter Installation - 5/8 inches x 3/4 inches meter \$45.00

All 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch water meters shall meet the Utility's standards and shall be installed by the Utility. A one-time meter fee of \$45 shall be due upon installation for those locations where no 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter has been provided by a developer to the Utility.

For the installation of all other meters, the customer shall be billed for the Utility's actual cost of installation. All such meters shall meet the Utility's standards and be installed by the Utility unless the Utility directs otherwise.

The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

D. Customer Account Charge – (New customers only) \$30.00

A one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service.

E. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, in those cases where a customer's service has been disconnected for any reason as set forth in Commission Rule R.103-732.5, a reconnection fee shall be due in the amount of \$40.00 and shall be due prior to the Utility reconnecting service.

F. Tampering Charge: In the event the Utility's equipment, water mains, water lines, meters, curb stops, service lines, valves or other facilities have been damaged or tampered with by a customer, the Utility may charge the customer responsible for the damage the actual cost of repairing the Utility's equipment, not to exceed \$250. The tampering charge shall be paid in full prior to the Utility re-establishing service or continuing the provision of service.

G. All contributions and advances, whether in the form of property or cash, shall be increased by a cash payment to the utility. Cash contributions and advances shall include an amount equal to 33.24% of the face value of the contribution or advance. Property contributions and advances shall include an amount equal to 18.28% of the original cost of the contribution or advance.

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SEWER

Service Territory 1 and 2

Monthly Charges – Sewer Collection & Treatment Only

Where sewage collection and treatment are provided through facilities owned and operated by the Utility, the following rates apply:

Residential - charge per single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit:	\$88.01 per unit
Mobile Homes:	\$64.24 per unit
Commercial	\$88.01 per SFE*

Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to, hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

Monthly Charges – Sewer Collection Only

When sewage is collected by the Utility and transferred to a government body or agency, or other entity for treatment, the Utility's rates are as follows:

Residential – per single-family house, condominium, or apartment unit	\$88.01 per unit
Commercial	\$88.01 per SFE*
The Village Sewer Collection	\$45.79 per SFE*

* Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities -- 25 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A, as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee.

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**SEWER SERVICE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS
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1. Terms and Conditions

- A. Where the Utility is required under the terms of a 201/208 Plan, or by other regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Utility, to interconnect to the sewage treatment system of a government body or agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.
- B. The Utility will, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building, consisting of four or more residential units (or in such other circumstances as the law may allow from time to time), which is served by a master sewer meter or a single sewer connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

C. Billing Cycle

Recurring charges will be billed monthly in arrears. Non-recurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

D. Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Guidelines

The utility will not accept or treat any substance or material that has not been defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") as a toxic pollutant, hazardous waste, or hazardous substance, including pollutants falling within the provisions of 40 CFR 129.4 and 401.15. Additionally, pollutants or pollutant properties subject to 40 CFR 403.5 and 403.6 are to be processed according to pretreatment standards applicable to such pollutants or pollutant properties, and such standards constitute the Utility's minimum pretreatment standards. Any person or entity introducing such prohibited or untreated materials into the Company's sewer system may have service interrupted without notice until such discharges cease, and shall be liable to the Utility for all damages and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Utility as a result thereof.

E. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to discharge acceptable wastewater into one of its sewer systems. However, anyone or entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to any appropriate connection point, and pay the appropriate fees and charges as set forth in this rate schedule, and comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service unless sewer capacity is unavailable or unless the South Carolina Department of Health and

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Environmental Control or other government entity has for any reason restricted the Utility from adding additional customers to the serving sewer system.

In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional sewer treatment capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding wastewater treatment capacity to the affected sewer system.

- F. A Single Family Equivalent (“SFE”) shall be determined by 6 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A, as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service, plant impact fee and tap fee. The Company shall have the right to request and receive water usage records from the water provider to its customers. In addition, the Company shall have the right to conduct an inspection of the customer’s premises. If it is determined that actual flows or loadings are greater than the design flows or loadings, then the Company shall recalculate the customer’s equivalency rating based on actual flows or loadings and thereafter bill for its services in accordance with such recalculated loadings.
- G. The liability of the Company, its agents and employees for damages arising out of interruption of service or the failure to furnish service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to those remedies provided in the Public Service Commission’s rules and regulations governing wastewater utilities.

2. Solids Interceptor Tanks

For all customers receiving sewage collection service through an approved solids interceptor tank, the following additional charges shall apply:

A. Pumping Charge

On such regular intervals as the Utility deems prudent, upon discovery that excessive solids have accumulated in the interceptor tank, or for any instance when a customer’s interceptor tank is in need of access, pumping, cleaning, maintenance/repair, or requires any work (“Pumping Charge”) related to a Pumping Charge, the Utility shall provide an estimate of the actual cost of the Pumping Charge to that customer for the specified work to be done. Should a customer choose, the customer may seek quotes/estimates from third-party vendors not affiliated with the Utility. The Utility shall not proceed with any work related to an interceptor tank until such time as the Utility secures the customers approval, in writing, for the work to be performed.

If the customer chooses to have the Utility perform the work associated with the interceptor tank, then the cost charged to the customer shall not exceed the estimate of the actual cost the Utility provided to the customer (whether the work is performed by the Utility or if the Utility utilizes a third-party vendor). If the customer chooses to contract with a third-party vendor, then the Utility may oversee the work but will not charge the affected customer for the personnel and overhead costs incurred in managing the work. The customer shall utilize third-party vendors

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who meet and operate with all required qualifications and certifications/licenses and adhere to any laws and regulations related to pumping of an interceptor tank. The customer shall provide the Utility with sufficient documentation to demonstrate the work was performed by the third-party vendor.

The Pumping Charge will be included as a separate line item on the next regular billing to the customer. Alternatively, at the customer's request, the Pumping Charge may be billed to the customer in twelve (12) equal monthly installments.

Emergency Condition Authority: Should a condition arise that presents a health risk to the customer, the public, or the environment, the Utility shall have the authority to proceed with pumping a customer's interceptor tank. The Utility shall present, upon request, evidence supporting the need for immediate action.

B. Pump Repair or Replacement Charge

If a separate pump is required to transport the customer's sewage from solids interceptor tank to the Utility's sewage collection system, the Utility will arrange to have this pump repaired or replaced as required and will include the cost of such repair or replacement as a separate item in the next regular billing to the customer and may be paid for over a one-year period.

C. Visual Inspection Port

In order for a customer who uses a solids interceptor tank to receive sewage service from the Utility or to continue to receive such service, the customer shall install at the customer's expense a visual inspection port which will allow for observation of the contents of the solids interceptor tank and extraction of test samples therefrom. Failure to provide such visual inspection port after timely notice of not less than thirty (30) days shall be just cause for interruption of service until a visual inspection port has been installed.

3. Non-recurring Charges

A. Sewer Service Connection (New connections only) \$300 per SFE

The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

B. Plant Capacity Fee (New connections only) \$400 per SFE

The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

The Plant Capacity Fee shall be computed by using South Carolina DHEC "Guide Lines for Unit Contributory Loadings to Wastewater Treatment Facilities" (1972) to determine the single family equivalency rating. The plant capacity fee represents the Utility's investment previously made (or planned to be made) in constructing treatment and/or collection system facilities that are essential to provide adequate treatment and disposal of the wastewater generated by the development of the new property.

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The nonrecurring charges listed above are minimum charges and apply even if the equivalency rating of non-residential customer is less than one (1). If the equivalency rating of a non-residential customer is greater than one (1), then the proper charge may be obtained by multiplying the equivalency rating by the appropriate fee. These charges apply and are due at the time new service is applied for, or at the time connection to the sewer system is requested.

C. Notification Fee

A fee of \$15.00 shall be charged to each customer per notice to whom the Utility mails the notice as required by Commission Rule R. 103-535.1 prior to service being discontinued. This fee assesses a portion of the clerical and mailing costs of such notices to the customers creating the cost.

D. Customer Account Charge - (New customers only) \$30.00

A one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service. This charge will be waived if the customer is also a water customer.

E. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, in those cases where a customer's service has been disconnected for any reason as set forth in Commission Rule R. 103-532.4 a reconnection fee in the amount of \$500.00 shall be due at the time the customer reconnects service. Where an elder valve has been previously installed, a reconnection fee of \$40.00 shall be charged.

F. Tampering Charge: In the event the Utility's equipment, sewage pipes, meters, curb stops, service lines, elder valves or other facilities have been damaged or tampered with by a customer, the Utility may charge the customer responsible for the damage the actual cost of repairing the Utility's equipment, not to exceed \$250. The tampering charge shall be paid in full prior to the Utility re-establishing service or continuing the provision of service.

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KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS, that Blue Granite Water Company, as Principal, and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, a corporation under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, duly authorized to transact business in the State of South Carolina as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the customers of Blue Granite Water Company affected by Order No. 2020-306 of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”), dated April 9, 2020, and any Order denying reconsideration thereof (collectively, “Orders”), issued in the above-captioned proceeding, for the sum of three million eight hundred seventy-four thousand five hundred and sixteen dollars (\$3,874,516) in lawful money of the United States of America, for payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the Commission Orders under appeal are ultimately determined to be valid and enforceable, then, Blue Granite Water Company hereby promises to refund amounts it has collected in excess of the amounts finally determined to be correct under the appropriate rate schedules. Any such refunds shall include interest as provided by law.

SIGNED, sealed and dated this ____ day of ____, 2020.

As to Principal

Blue Granite Water Company

Witness

ATTEST:

Witness

As to Surety

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Witness

Witness

Exhibit No. 2

WITNESS AS TO PRINCIPAL

STATE OF _____, _____ County

Before me, the subscribing Notary Public, personally appeared _____
 and made oath that he/she saw the within named Blue Granite Water Company represented by
 sign, seal, and deliver the within Bond, and that he/she with _____ and
 _____ subscribed their names as witnesses thereto.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

WITNESS AS TO SURETY

STATE OF _____, _____ County

Before me, the subscribing Notary Public, personally appeared _____
 and made oath that he/she saw the within named Liberty Mutual Insurance Company represented
 by sign, seal, and deliver the within Bond, and that he/she with _____ and
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Toni C. Hawkins, a paralegal with the law firm of Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC have this day served a copy of the **Motion for Approval of Bond of Blue Granite Water Company** in the referenced matter to the parties listed below by electronic mail:

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